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North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

May 2, 2003

The Honorable Janet Wentz
Speaker of the House
House Chambers
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Veto of HB 1421

Dear Madam Speaker:

I am hereby vetoing HB 1421 relating to the Emergency Commission. Section 2 of the bill adds unnecessarily, additional members to the Emergency Commission and removes the duly elected Chairman of the Legislative Council.

Under current law, the Emergency Commission is comprised of the Governor, Secretary of State, the Chairman of the Legislative Council, and each Chairman of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, giving the Legislature a majority of the members.

The Bill adds one additional legislative member, by placing both majority leaders on the Commission and removing the Chairman of Legislative Council and creates a super majority for Legislators, which is unnecessary. For these reasons, I have vetoed the bill.

Sincerely,
/S/
John Hoeven
Governor